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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL GROWTH

1. DURING FEBRUARY 8 ANNUAL REVIEW OF MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MOST), ROK PRESIDENT PAK INSTRUCTED OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH MOST'S PLANS FOR MANPOWER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY-INTENSIVE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT. MOST PLANNING REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED EFFORT TO CRATE ESSENTIALS FOR RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC GROWTH.

2. PRESIDENT PAK HAS ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS SINCE HIS JANUARY 12 ANNUAL NEW YEAR PRESS CONFERENCE POINTEDLY URGED BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT TO INTENSIFY JOINT EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE EXPERTISE NECESSARY FOR XPORT OF PRODUCTS OF HIGH-TECHNOLOGY CONTENT. HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS MENTIONED GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM OF SETTING UP NEW RESEARCH INSTITUTES TO DEVELOP SCIENTIFIC MANPOWER AND LISTED TEN INSTITUTES (CHEMISTRY, ELECTRONICS, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, ENERGY MANAGEMENT, NUCLEAR FUELS, MACHINERY, METALLURGH, SHIP AND OCEAN, STANDARDS-METROLOGY; NATURAL RESOURCE EXPLORATION) IN VARIOUS STAGES OF ESTABLISHMENT. MANY OF THE MEN WHO HEAD THESE INSTITUTES

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WER EDUCATED AND PRACTICED THEIR PROFESSION IN THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR APPROACH TO ACCOMPLISHING OBJECTIVES REFLECTS AMERICAN TRAINING. MANY BELIEVE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EDUCATE SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL IN NUMBERS SUFFICIENT FOR KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN JOINT VENTURE FIRMS, WITH U.S. OR FOREIGN COMPANIES, WHICH WILL EXPORT HIGH-TECHNOLOGY CONTENT PRODUCTS TO CUSTOMERS (DEVELOPING NATIONS) WHICH

CANNOT AFFORD PURCHASE OF SIMILAR, BUT HIGHER COST, PRODUCTS  
OF INDUSTRIALLY ADVANCED NATIONS.

3. CONCOMITANT INCREASE BY 1980-81 IN NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS  
(UP 33PCT FROM PRESENT 19,000) AND NUMBER OF SKILLED WORKERS  
(UP 55PCT FROM PRESENT 550,000) TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY  
EMPHASIZING TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN SCHOOL  
SYSTEM AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BY INDUSTRY AT HOME AND  
ABROAD. EXAMPLE OF LATTER IS KOREA ELECTRIC CO. (KECO)  
PLANS TO SEND 300 ENGINEERS, YOUNG MEN WITH SCHOLASTIC  
TRAINING SUPERIOR TO THE MAJORITY OF KECO STAFF, TO  
FOREIGN UTILITY COMPANIES FOR TRAINING (6 TO 12 MONTHS) IN  
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION. ABOUT 150  
WOULD  
GO TO U.S. ; REMAINDER SPLIT BETWEEN JAPAN AND TAIWAN.  
BECHTEL POWER CORP. IS TO ARRANGE TRAINING IN U.S.  
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